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March 1988

From The Editor's Desk

FLEA MARKET IS HERE! SEE YOU THERE ON MARCH THE 12TH!! Do pitch in as this is a great event. Have a good March & see you next month. -73 de Your Editor.

Speaker of the Month:

JUDE DAGGETT — President, Counter Surveillance Systems Inc., of Palo Alto (a technically oriented non-ham). Fresh from a well-received talk at another South Peninsula ham club, Jude will present his program about SURVEILLANCE & COUNTER SURVEILLANCE TECHNIQUES and their relations to ham radio. Jude will present a demo and will distribute a 25-page report on the technology of the field, relating to the monitoring of signals.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to gather intelligence from this unique guest speaker on FRIDAY MARCH 4TH!

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER: Su Hong's Restaurant, on El Camino, Menlo Park at 6:15 PM, prior to the meeting on Friday the 4th!

— Info provided by Andy VE3FZK, PAARA Program Chairman

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

An appeal for help at the PAARA Foothill Flea Market, March 12th netted a few solid confirmed contacts and a few more "I'll be there but don't count on me" contacts. In any case I hope we can refine our list of assigned jobs, at the next meeting. Remember, "the harder you work the more fun you have." We are the vanguard event for the new regime at the Museum so we want our internal effort to be well organized to at least minimize the confusion.

Are we having fun yet? You betcha! Last month the PAARA Board worked up an initial swag at an annual calendar. It should be published elsewhere in this issue. Please give us feedback on what you want to see here. We chose to list both events that members would be involved in as individuals and those that we sponsor or support as a club.

Although it might look like it, we haven't tabled the issue of closing out and summarizing the 1986 and 1987 Treasurer's Books. After a couple of false starts we have located some more volunteer help for this and will have more information soon. Meanwhile, Lily Anne Hillis N6PGM is marching ahead with a simplified system and, at least from 1 January forward, will be able to provide us with an internally consistent summary.

My public congratulations to our V.P. VE3FZK for continuing to field an excellent line of speakers.

de WA6LNV

CALENDAR de PAARA

Meetings: March 4th - March General Meeting / March 9th - March Bd. Mtg.
(current) April 1st - April General Meeting / April 6th - April Bd. Mtg.

Activities: Mar. 5-6 = ARRL DX Contest Phone
(current) Mar 12 = Foothill (PAARA) Flea Market
Mar. 26-27 = CQ WW Prefix Contest Phone
Apr. 22-24 = Visalia Int'l DX Convention
 Grosvenor Holiday Inn, Visalia CA
 Reservations (209) 651-5000
Apr. 29-May 1 = Dayton Hamvention, Dayton Ohio

PAARA EVENTS: Mar. 12 Flea Market (Foothill College)
May 22 Spring Picnic (W6VG QTH)
June 25-26 Field Day
Oct. 8 Ampex Auction
NOVEMBER: PAARA Officer Nominations at Nov. Gen. Mtg.
DECEMBER: PAARA Officer Elections at Dec. Gen. Mtg.
DECEMBER: PAARA Officer Installations at the
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THE CLUB TICKET : W6OTX

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-- Above document provided by Fred K6YT, PAARA W6OTX Club Station Trustee, for Info.

PAARA BRIEFS

- * Thanks to W6APZ Rich Stiebel the club now has about 10 years' worth of IBM punched cards for the annual auction's buyer ID's ! - Info de VE3FZK Andy
- * THE highlight of the February Meeting on 2/5 was that it coincided with the 39th Birthday of PAARA Member Dusty K6MPN. The Club presented Dusty with a special personalized Birthday Card in recognition of the event. To top it all off Dusty walked away from the meeting with a raffle prize. Fine Business! -Ed.
- * ROB KA6JLT reports that the "450 Gang" on 28.450 10 Meters, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9PM will be running computer generated CW for practice at 25 WPM & lower!!
- * PAARA will be introducing Ham Radio to Kay Knott's Menlo Park Blind VA Group on Monday 8 February— It is envisioned that in addition to familiarizing the group about amateur radio, it will also be possible to link-up to ham organizations in the home QTH's of the blind hams in training after they return from the Menlo Park VA facility. A Station at the VA QTH is a future possibility as well. Steve K6FS will keep the club posted on this very worthwhile community service effort!

ERI '88 / NOTES DE CRAIG SMITH N6ITW

The Emergency Response cadre for the Santa Clara Valley Section holds its ERI (Emergency Response Institute) this month on 26-27 March. Those Emergency Response personnel involved have booked this event well in advance amongst themselves, to better manage their varied Emergency Response Missions. PAARA's Craig Smith N6ITW (DEC for San Mateo County) says "it's the most important 2-day event that we have throughout the section." Craig's comments on this happening will be included in a forthcoming issue of PAARAGRAPHs! -Ed.

Amateur Action Line de WA6LIJ

1. Why don't we have a treasurer's report in PAARAGRAPHs? Other clubs do.
2. Why don't we have a treasurer's report at meetings? Other clubs do.
3. We often hear about "well attended Board Meetings where significant actions were passed." Why not publish Board Minutes in PAARAGRAPHs so that the rest of us can learn what is going on in OUR club? Other clubs do.
4. Why not authorize the Prize Chairman to spend \$50 per meeting so we can have one major prize such as a call book or Hand Book plus some less expensive prizes? Other clubs do.

I can hear many say: "Don't rock the boat. After all PAARA has survived 50 years without knowing what is going on in our club. Why change?" Indeed if complacency and disinterest is the will of the majority then I say: "Open your ranks because here comes another one."

QST DE ROD KB6ZV

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1988
Rod Stafford, KB6ZV
Director, Pacific Division

A major development for the Int'l Amateur Radio Union (IARU) during 1987 was the growing probability of an ITU Conference that could have authority to reallocate spectrum. The probability is that this could occur in the 1992-93 time frame. The ITU is the International Telecommunications Union. It is made up of representatives from all of the governing radio agencies in the member countries. So, the FCC is the representative from the U.S. Other countries send their equivalent to the FCC to the ITU meetings.

Every decade or so there is a major World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) which undertakes to completely review, and sometimes revise, the ITU Radio Regulations. The last General WARC took place in 1979. In between the General WARCs there are specialized WARCs which deal with the problems of particular services. When these specialized WARCs occur, they do not have the authority to make changes which would affect other services not represented at the particular specialized WARC. In recent years, 1987 included, these specialized WARCs have found it increasingly difficult to solve their spectrum problems within the framework of the Radio Regulations adopted at WARC 1979. The HF Broadcasting WARC and the Mobile WARC were both held in 1987 and both conferences ended with a call for the ITU to schedule a competent WARC no later than 1992 to look at certain portions of the spectrum which are experiencing some problems. Whether the 1992 WARC will be a full-fledged General WARC which examines the entire Table of Frequency Allocations or a limited General WARC examining only certain problem areas won't be known until the ITU holds its Plenipotentiary Conference in May, 1989.

At the present time, we know of some of the problem areas. The HF Broadcasters in foreign countries believe they cannot solve their frequency problems within the allocations set at WARC 79. That is, the sum of all channel-hours desired by HF Broadcasters far exceeds the channel-hours available under the 1979 allocations. The HF Broadcasters want more frequencies and according to Richard Baldwin, W1RU, the current IARU President, the HF Broadcasters are particularly anxious to obtain additional allocations in the 7 MHz vicinity.

Richard Baldwin also sees the UHF and microwave frequencies vulnerable as there's a multitude of new uses and users of these portions of the spectrum and there is real difficulty in finding room in the existing spectrum to accomodate these new uses and users. The amateur allocations in the 420-450 MHz portion and above 1200 MHz will be under severe pressure from other services who will want at least a part of those allocations.

What needs to be done to prepare for the WARC in 1992? Each member society of the IARU (in the U.S., the ARRL) should make sure that its telecommunications administration is made aware of the value of amateur radio, that each administration knows the needs of the amateur service in its country and that each administration supports its amateur radio service at the WARC.

The ARRL is working on the preparation for the WARC, if it should occur. At its recent Board of Directors meeting in January, 1988, the Board approved setting aside \$105,000. to establish a "Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies." This will fund needed travel to

and from conferences and meetings over the next couple of years at which the ARRL can make contact with other IARU member societies in order to prepare for the WARC. It will no doubt be a lot of work and expensive but it is a very important task and one that every amateur ought to be aware of.

FCC General Docket No. 87-389 constitutes a wholesale revision of FCC Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These rules govern the interference potential of RF devices of all types. The effort in the proposed rewrite is to limit the categories of RF devices to two groups: unintentional radiating devices and intentional radiating devices. The proposed Rules would simplify the maximum permitted field strengths from the two categories so that it is easy to determine, when examining any given device, what the limitations on its operation and interference potential are. ARRL staff has studied the proposed new rules and has concluded that the RF levels, which are in essentially all cases higher than those permitted by the existing rules, would permit harmful interference to amateur transceivers and should not be adopted. At the January, 1988 ARRL Board of Directors meeting, the Board directed Counsel to file comments in this proceeding emphasizing that intentionally radiating devices should NOT be permitted in the amateur bands and that those devices categorized as unintentionally radiating should be bound by the current maximum level of RF emissions. The comment deadline in this proceeding is March 7, 1988.

Ray Kowalski, just before he left the FCC, sent an interesting letter to two groups in Southern California both of whom claimed to be valid frequency coordinators for the 220 MHz band. Kowalski gave them both the task of cooperating with one another for the joint coordination of 220 MHz repeaters in their area. See just how helpful the FCC can be. All you have to do is ask!

The ARRL and the Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) have jointly expressed interest in participation in the Space Station planned by NASA in the 1990's. Benefits: promoting favorable public awareness, performing radio experiments, furnishing morale communications for the crews, and in general, providing backup communications capability. Modes would include real time voice and data transmissions with ground-based amateur stations, and video downlinks to portable demonstration stations in schools, youth camps, and to other gatherings.

As a part of its work in coming up with some revised methods of teaching amateur radio to young people, the Education Task Force categorized all of the school radio clubs that are registered with the ARRL. Here's the breakdown:

Four year college/university clubs.....	65
Two year college or technical school.....	13
High schools.....	20
Junior high schools.....	8
Elementary schools.....	4
Misc. (can't tell from name).....	5
Other (4H, Explorers, etc.).....	5

It would appear there is plenty of room for growth in this area! Would your club consider sponsoring a high school or college amateur radio club at campus nearby? I'll bet you'd find there would be several people to take your club's next Novice class. Til next month, 73.

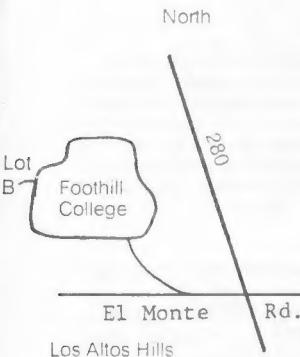
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<p>March 12, 1988 Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association</p> <p>April 9, 1988 Amateur's Donation to Palo Alto Red Cross</p> <p>May 14, 1988 Electronic's Museum Amateur Radio Club</p> <p>June 11, 1988 SPECS Users Group</p> <p>July 9, 1988 Perham Foundation</p> <p>August 13, 1988 Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System</p> <p>September 10, 1988 Foothill's Amateur Radio Society</p>	
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ABC'S OF RTTY 6 *

Baudot Code(continued).

Therefore, a Baudot RTTY machine has two special keys, one labeled FIGS and another labeled LTRS, and each letter key(LTRS) also serves as a number or punctuation character when in FIGS case. The old Baudot machines had only three rows of keys and took a little getting used to for a typist! Fortunately, modern electronic keyboards have an electronic memory built-in that automatically inserts the LTRS and FIGS character when required. A "standard" typewriter keyboard may therefore be used on these electronic terminals. An obvious limitation of the Baudot code is that it cannot represent both upper- and lower-case letters. In the U.S., RTTY machines print only upper-case, or capital letters. In Europe some machines print only lower-case letters.

There are two slightly different versions of the Baudot code in common use by radio amateurs. The two codes are the same for all letters, numbers and control characters, but they have a few differences for punctuation symbols. In the United States we use a code that was used in the surplus RTTY machines we started with in the late 1940s. This code is not the international standard, but is compatible in most respects. Either code is equally legal for U.S. amateur use, since the FCC only defines code combinations for letters, numerals, and the slant or fraction bar in Part 97.69 of the Rules and Regulations. Amateurs in other countries have adopted the Comite Consultatif International Telegraphique et Telephonique(International Telegraph and Telephone Committee), CCITT#2 Code. Both codes are shown in Table 3.

As can be seen, there are only six FIGS case differences between the two Baudot codes, the most noticeable being the interchanges of the signal bell and apostrophe symbols (FIGS-S and FIGS-J). Communications between U.S. and European amateurs therefore may include extra signal bell rings! Devotees of RTTY art therefore include both the apostrophe and signal bell is needed to make up the picture. The variations between quotation(") and plus(+) and between semicolon(;) and equals(=) do not normally cause any great problems except when receiving press from commercial RTTY stations outside the U.S. The apostrophe symbol(') is generally used for quotation in CCITT#2 systems, which of course will ring the U.S. station's signal bell. The only way for a U.S. station to get absolutely correct copy in this case is to have a printer or terminal that can be changed to the CCITT#2 code. As will be discussed shortly, the definition of AMTOR/SITOR by Comite Consultatif International des Radiocommunications(International Radio Consultative Committee), CCIR 476, specifically requires conversion to the CCITT#2 code format. This is why the OVER signal for AMTOR may be referred to as either quotes-queries("?-U.S. Baudot) or plus-query (+?-CCITT#2 Baudot).

The FIGS-D character deserves some special consideration. In the U.S. this code is used to represent the dollar sign(\$). However, CCITT#2 systems use this code to trigger a Who Are You (WRU) answer-back message. When FIGS-D is received and WRU is enabled, the CCITT#2 terminal automatically transmits the call sign or other ID, thus blocking any reception until the WRU message is completed.----to be continued----

* Prepared & Written
By Harry Wijtman AE6M, Part 6 of 12.

.64 HEIST: IT'S A CRIME

by Rich Martens, KA6UOE SCVRS Newsletter

On Tuesday, February 9, 1988, Packet Radio data observed by Hank, WOLRI indicated that with the Tuesday, 12:50 a.m. automatic Packet Radio NET/ROM check of active nodes on 144.91 MHz, W6WSH-2 was suddenly missing.

A few hours later on the same day at 5:30 a.m., the customary wake-up time for the W6WSH 2 meter repeater, the airwaves remained silent. The 442.9 MHz W6WSH/R machine was also not heard. A few Loma Pioneer Radio Club members in need of high level 2-way started drifting over to .76, curious as to which circuit breaker had popped at the Loma Pioneer Radio Club site.

The day wore on. About 2:30 p.m., George, K6TAM, and Art, W6JIA, arrived at the .64 site on Mt. Loma Prieta -- a site shared with commercial FM broadcast transmitters KWSS and KLRS.

An important discovery was made. The repeater was missing!

It was a radio burglar, and about \$12,000 worth of Amateur Radio gear was missing -- and with it, years of blood, sweat, and tears:

STOLEN FROM THE LOMA PIONEER RADIO CLUB

QTY	CALL	FREQ	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION	SERIAL NUMBER
1 EA	W6WSH/R	442.9 MHZ	MOTOROLA MICOR	REPEATER	201C6N
1 EA	W6WSH/R	146.64 MHZ	MOTOROLA MICOR	REPEATER	TDL1693E1
1 EA	W6WSH-2	144.91 MHZ	MOTOROLA MITREK	DIGIPEATER	433HEE
1 EA	W6WSH-1	441.5 MHZ	KENWOOD TM401A	DIGIPEATER	401164
1 EA			ACC RC-650	CONTROLLER	589
1 EA			ACC RC-85	CONTROLLER	952
2 EA			MFJ 1270	TNC	

Cary, N6GSF, President of the Loma Pioneer Radio Club, requests that all our readers be on the lookout for this stolen equipment. Please keep, copy, and post this page in all the right places. It is further requested that any INFORMATION REGARDING THIS THEFT OR THE LOCATION OF THIS STOLEN EQUIPMENT BE REPORTED TO:

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Old Salts Never Dry Up de WA6LJJ

Recently Sy, WA6ROM, and I were having one of our usual "Highly technical and intellectual conversations" and the question arose "If you were standing on a Pacific Ocean beach how far away is the horizon?" We are both ex-sailors of the US Navy and after much discussion Sy found the answer in the book "Piloting Seamanship and Small Boat Handling by Charles F. Chapman", p. 419 in my 1965/66 edition. Distance to horizon in miles equals $6/7$ of the square root of the height of the eyes in feet above sea level or:

$$\text{Miles to horizon} = \frac{6}{7} \sqrt{\text{Height of eyes in feet}}$$

$$\text{ey. Miles to horizon} = \frac{6}{7} \sqrt{5.6 \text{ feet}}$$

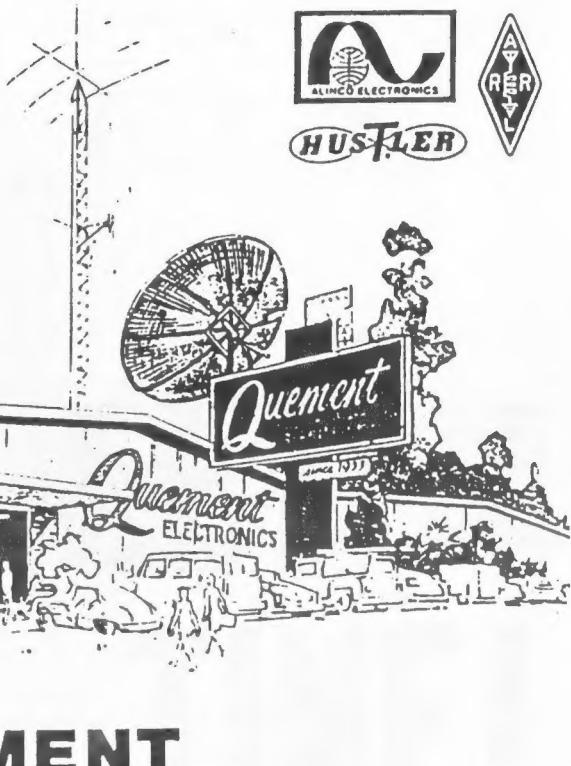
$$= 2.03 \text{ miles for a typical person.}$$

Now let's suppose a sailor from Hawaii is approaching this same beach. How far away from the beach will he be when he sees the eyes of the person on the beach? Since both can see the horizon at 2.03 miles the distance will be 2×2.03 or 4.06 miles. Now let's apply this equation to antennas. My QTH elevation is 180 ft. and my 2 meter antenna is 50 ft. above the ground or $180 + 50 = 230$ ft above sea level. So $6/7 \sqrt{230}$ ft. = 13 miles. Thus my signal, barring obstacles, could reach a floating handy talky 13 miles away. How about a repeater on Mt. Diablo at 3,849 ft. elevation? A line of sight signal could be received at sea level 53 miles away. Or 182 miles if I were in an aircraft at 45,000 feet.

This brief analysis sure points out the value to amateur radio of such phenomena as skip, ducting and reflection.

This same book also contains some "vital" information should you talk with descendants of my ancestors in their native German. For example the umlaut letter o or ö is ---' and the umlaut u is --- in CW. In Spanish the ñ is --- --- in CW. (Hi)

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